



# Education Watch

Enhancing Flexibility & Accountability ■ Leaving No Child Behind

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## Bush Administration Rallies for Passage of H.R. 1

The Bush administration is rallying members of Congress in support of H.R. 1, the *No Child Left Behind Act*. "The administration is pleased that H.R. 1, as reported by the Committee on Education & the Workforce, incorporates many of the basic components of the President's key proposals," a statement released yesterday said.

Margaret LaMontagne, President Bush's chief domestic policy advisor, said H.R. 1 is a "momentous and historic bill" that will produce a "very robust, revolutionary change" in federal education policy. She noted that the bill is "very much true to the President's principles."

President Bush fully supports requiring states to conduct annual testing in reading and math for students in grades 3-8; the consolidation or elimination of more than half of the federal K-12 bureaucracy; the new Reading First program to ensure that all children can read by the third grade; tougher accountability standards to turn around struggling schools; and the escape route for children trapped in failing schools.

President Bush has made education reform his top priority this year, and this week the House will have the opportunity to deliver on the President's promise for America's children.

### Message of the Day

**President Bush has given his stamp of approval on H.R. 1. The House now has the opportunity to help the President make good on his promise of education reform.**

- ❑ *Education reform is the top priority not only for the President but for the American people as well.*
- ❑ *This is the most important moment for federal education policy in more than 35 years.*
- ❑ *H.R. 1 reflects the President Bush's bold vision for meaningful education reform.*

### DAILY EDUCATION FACTS

- Local schools gain unprecedented flexibility under H.R. 1 -- more so, in fact, than in the President's original plan.
- H.R. 1 consolidates or eliminates 34 programs, and the bill reduces the overall number of ESEA programs by one-third (to 44).
- H.R. 1 is supported by a vast coalition of groups that span the political spectrum -- and by President George W. Bush.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"I am . . . pleased that this bill gives unprecedented freedom and flexibility to states and local school districts to determine the best way to spend their federal education dollars."* **President George W. Bush, May 9, 2001**